

**CHAPTER 54-35.2**  
**STATE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

**54-35.2-01. Advisory commission on intergovernmental relations - Membership - Terms - Meetings.**

1. The advisory commission on intergovernmental relations consists of twelve members:
  - a. The North Dakota league of cities executive committee shall appoint two members of the commission.
  - b. The North Dakota association of counties executive committee shall appoint two members of the commission.
  - c. The North Dakota township officers association executive board of directors shall appoint one member of the commission.
  - d. The North Dakota recreation and park association executive board shall appoint one member of the commission.
  - e. The North Dakota school boards association board of directors shall appoint one member of the commission.
  - f. The governor or the governor's designee is a member of the commission.
  - g. The legislative council shall appoint four members of the legislative assembly as members of the commission.
2. The legislative council shall designate the chairman and vice chairman of the commission.
3. All members of the commission shall serve for a term of two years, beginning July first of each odd-numbered year, and may be reappointed for additional terms.
4. If any member of the commission resigns or ceases to be a member of the class the member represents, that person's membership on the commission ceases immediately and the appropriate appointing authority may appoint a new member for the remainder of the term.
5. The commission shall meet at least semiannually.

**54-35.2-02. Functions and duties.** The advisory commission on intergovernmental relations shall:

1. Serve as a forum for the discussion of resolution of intergovernmental problems.
2. Engage in activities and studies relating to the following subjects:
  - a. Local governmental structure.
  - b. Fiscal and other powers and functions of local governments.
  - c. Relationships between and among local governments and the state or any other government.
  - d. Allocation of state and local resources.

- e. Interstate issues involving local governments, including cooperation with appropriate authorities of other states.
  - f. Statutory changes required to implement commission recommendations.
3. Present reports and recommended legislative bills to the legislative council for consideration in the same manner as interim legislative council committees.
4. Prepare model ordinances or resolutions for consideration by officials of political subdivisions.

**54-35.2-02.1. Local government efficiency planning grants.** Repealed by S.L. 1999, ch. 468, § 1.

**54-35.2-03. Staff services.** The advisory commission on intergovernmental relations may request provision of appropriate staff services from the legislative council.

**54-35.2-04. Finances.**

1. A member of the advisory commission on intergovernmental relations who is a member of the legislative assembly is entitled to receive, from funds available to the commission, compensation per day for each day spent in attendance at commission meetings in the same amount as provided for members of the legislative council and reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses incurred in the performance of official duties in the amounts provided by law for other state officers. Members of the advisory commission on intergovernmental relations who are appointed by an organization representing political subdivisions may be reimbursed for attendance at commission meetings by the organization by which they were appointed.
2. The commission may apply for, contract for, receive, and expend for its purposes any appropriation or grant from any public or private source.
3. Political subdivisions of the state may appropriate funds to the commission to share in the cost of its operations.

**54-35.2-05. Reports.** The advisory commission on intergovernmental relations shall report its findings and recommendations and any proposed legislation necessary to implement the recommendations to the legislative council at the time and in the manner reports are made by interim committees of the legislative council. The legislative council may accept, reject, or amend the report of the advisory commission on intergovernmental relations. The legislative council shall include the report, or any portion of it, as accepted, rejected, or amended, in the council's final report. Copies of the report of the advisory commission on intergovernmental relations, as accepted, rejected, or amended by the legislative council, must be available to counties, cities, townships, appropriate state departments and agencies, and the public.